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General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

High-level thematic debate on "Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation: The Potential for Religion in Building Bridges of Tolerance and Reconciliation"[1]

[webcast]

Opening segment: Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations

09:00 — General Assembly Hall

Plenary meeting: Statements by religious leaders

09:10 — General Assembly Hall

Interactive panel discussion: Building a counter-narrative that emphasizes tolerance for diversity, freedom of expression and human rights

15:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

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[1] Letters from the President of the General Assembly dated 9 March 2015, 16 March 2015 and 8 April 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Security Council

10:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) (S/2015/246)

Other matters

15:00 — 7431st meeting — Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

   Letter dated 13 April 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/252)

Afternoon[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Côte d'Ivoire sanctions (S/2015/252)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7431st meeting.

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Plenary segment (continued)	
16:30	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Closing	
17:45	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal meetings of the plenary of the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, pursuant to resolution 69/244 and decisions 69/550 and 69/555, and as part of the preparatory process of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, in accordance with resolution 68/279 (*joint meetings*), will be continue *today,* 22 April to Friday, 24 April 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 1; the Conference Room 12 will serve as an overflow room. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 April 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information, please *click here*; and to consult the list of side events *click here*. [webcast]

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences
Organizational session for 2015

15:00 to 16:30	536th meeting	Conference Room 5

Annotated provisional agenda (A/AC.172/2015/L.1)

[For all relevant documents of the Committee please *click here*.

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32 (Supp), and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32 (Supp), non-members who wish to participate as observers in the organizational session are invited to send a request *in writing* to Ms. Liya Zhang, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-mail zhangl@un.org).]

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group VI (Security interests)
Twenty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Disarmament Commission
2015 substantive session

Working Group I

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Working Group II

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic

15:00 to 18:00 — 4th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

1. Meeting with the Central African Republic and regional States: Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa and Uganda
2. Briefing by the Acting Special Representative of INTERPOL to the United Nations
3. Other matters

Economic and Social Council
2015 session

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

10:00 to 13:00 — 28th meeting [webcast] — Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Opening remarks by the President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria)
2. Introductory statements

   Mr. Armando Lara Yaffar (Mexico), Chair, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2014/45)

   Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/2015/51)

10:30 to 12:00 — Panel discussion on "The role of international tax cooperation in mobilizing domestic financial resources for development"

Moderator

Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Panellists

Ms. Grace Perez-Navarro, Deputy Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, France

Ms. Victoria Perry, Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund

Mr. Marijn Verhoeven, Lead Economist, Governance Global Practice, World Bank Group

Mr. Márcio Verdi, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations, Panama

Mr. Lincoln Marais, Director of Strategy and Planning, African Tax Administration Forum, South Africa

Interactive discussion

12:00 to 13:00 General discussion

15:00 to 18:00 29th meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 16:30 Panel discussion on "Tax incentives and tax base protection issues for developing countries"

Moderator

Mr. Eric Zolt, Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law, University of California

Panellists

Ms. Victoria Perry, Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund

Ms. Blanca Moreno-Dodson, Lead Economist, Global Lead for Tax Policy, Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management, World Bank Group

Lead discussant

Ms. Kim Jacinto-Henares, Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines

Interactive discussion

16:30 to 17:45 Panel discussion on "Taxation of intellectual property rights and other intangibles: Issues for developing countries"

Moderator

Mr. Mitchell Kane, Gerald L. Wallace Professor of Taxation, New York University

Panellists

Mr. Giammarco Cottani, Office-Advisor on International Tax, Central Assessment Directorate, Italian Revenue Agency

Ms. Nishana Gosai, Manager, Transfer Pricing (Large Business Centre), South African Revenue Service

Ms. Vicki Bales, Group Transfer Pricing Manager, SABMiller, United Kingdom

Interactive discussion

17:45 to 18:00 **Conclusion of the special meeting**

Closing remarks by the President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria)

[It is emphasized that the format of the special meeting will be a free-flowing interactive discussion with interventions limited to *three minutes*; there will be no advance list of speakers.

Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the 2015 session of the Economic and Social Council. Delegations wishing to circulate the full text of their statements through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council (available *here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart Portal of the Council only after delivery by delegations.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286) and Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271)), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Anna Alfonso (e-mail alfonso@un.org; Room DC2-2162)).

Additional information on the special meeting can be found on the website of the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (available *here*) or please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; Room DC2-2176).]

Committee of Experts on Public Administration
Fourteenth session

10:00 to 13:00 5th meeting [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

Interactive panel on strengthening innovation, prioritization, informed decision-making and the integration of policy development processes for enhanced impact (E/C.16/2015/4) [item 3 (b)]

General discussion (continued)

15:00 to 18:00 6th meeting [webcast] General Assembly Hall

Interactive panel on promoting accountable institutions, ethical leadership and integrity to enhance confidence in efforts to deliver sustainable development (E/C.16/2015/5) [item 3 (c)]

General discussion

[For further information and to access the official documents of the session, please *click here*.

The official documentation of the Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages. Delegations and participants on the list of speakers are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart6@un.org, *as soon as available*, and *at least two hours* in advance of their designated speaking slot. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which it will be available to the public on the portal. Please indicate in the subject your delegation name and agenda item.]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fourteenth session

10:00 to 13:00 — 5th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Special theme "Outcome of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples" (E/C.19/2015/3 and E/C.19/2015/5) [item 3 (a)]

Special theme "Future work of the Permanent Forum (discussion on methods of work)" (E/C.19/2015/2, E/C.19/2015/4 and E/C.19/2015/9) [item 8]

General discussion

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 8

[Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Only those observers who had indicate their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For background and other related documents of the fourteenth session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/indigenous (or *click here).*

The fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

The list of speakers is *open*. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Delegations are advised that statements made should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org at least *two hours in advance* of their designated speaking slot and to bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.]

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 22 April 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:30 to 10:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5
11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Southern African Development Community (SADC) (Third Committee experts) (briefing by UNICEF)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 13

Other activities

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Wednesday, 22 April 2015

Event on "The Power of Volunteerism as a Cross-cutting Means of Implementation" (organized by the International Forum for Volunteering in Development, in cooperation with Cuso International, the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) and Voluntary Service Overseas)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Luzmila Lambrano, UNV (e-mail luzmila.lambrano@undp.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3639).]

Informal briefing on the rule of law, in accordance with paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 69/123 (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria, Liechtenstein and Mexico, and the Rule of Law Unit (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group))

From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jane Anttila, Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (e-mail anttila@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4749; or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).]

Interactive dialogue on the follow-up to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (organized by the Office of the Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs)

From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 4.

[Participants of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues are invited. For further information, please contact the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail masaquiza@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9607).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Wednesday, 22 April 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:15 Press conference on the impact of climate change on Indigenous Peoples, with a focus on the Pacific region [*Speaker:* Ms. Valmaine Toki, membre of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples and Professor of Law at the University of Auckland, New Zealand]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest:* Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights]

General Assembly Stakeout [webcast]

13:10 His Excellency Ban Ki-mooon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Sam Kutesa (Uganda), President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly; and Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, High Representative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) (in the east neck area) (press encounter)

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber, on "The role of youth in countering violent extremism and promoting peace", in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary (closed) to hear a briefing by Ambassador Ayşe Sinirlioğlu, G20 Sherpa of Turkey, on Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 April 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal informal consultations, convened by the Permanent Missions of Guyana and Norway on modalities of the third International Conference on Financing for Development will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail erling.michael.motzfeldt.kravik@mfa.no).

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

An interactive dialogue on "Harmony with Nature: Towards achieving sustainable development goals including addressing climate change in the post-2015 development agenda" will be held on Monday, 27 April 2015, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 17 April 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

List of speakers for the plenary meetings of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda (25–27 September 2015)

Delegations are reminded that Wednesday, 29 April 2015, is the deadline to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda. Written requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, by e-mail to poliakova@un.org (copy to muturi@un.org). Note verbales by the Secretariat, dated 24 March and 7 April 2015, were sent to Member States.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

In accordance with resolution 69/267 of 26 February 2015, the General Assembly will hold a special solemn plenary meeting in commemoration of all victims of the Second World War on Tuesday, 5 May 2015, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 April 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 27 April 2014

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

15:00 4th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

[Letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 May 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (Room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 74 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Informal consultations (closed) on the way forward on the recommendations adopted on 23 January 2015, by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held on Friday, 24 April 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

The second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session will begin on Monday, 4 May 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. The status of preparedness of documentation *will be issued* in document A/C.5/69/L.38.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit any changes or update to their official list of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers by sending a note verbale and/or completing the form A/INF/69/2* to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

General Assembly

Committee on Information
Thirty-seventh session

The Committee on Information will hold its thirty-seventh session from Monday, 27 April, to Friday, 8 May 2015, in Conference Room 1. Member States wishing to inscribe their names for the General Debate on Monday, 27 and Tuesday, 28 April should please send an e-mail to committeeoninformation@un.org.

The afternoon of Monday, 27 April, will be devoted to an informal interactive session, with a particular focus on the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations, where the Under Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will discuss matters relating to the Department with delegates.

The thirty-seventh session of the Committee on Information is being served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages. Delegations and participants on the list of speakers are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart2@un.org, as soon as available, and at *least two hours in advance* of their designated speaking slot. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which it will be available to the public on the portal. Please indicate in the subject your delegation name and agenda item.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Working Group

The Working Group of the Committee will hold a closed meeting on Monday, 27 April 2015, at 11:30, in Conference Room 11. Mr. Brad Parker, staff attorney and international advocacy officer at Defense for Children International Palestine, will brief.

Ad Hoc Committee on Sovereign Debt Restructuring Processes
Second working session

The second working session of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sovereign Debt Restructuring Processes, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/247 of 29 December 2014, will be held from Tuesday, 28, to Thursday, 30 April 2015, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda and annotations for the 2015 session of the Ad Hoc Committee are contained in document A/AC.284/2015/1. The programme of work will be announced in due course.

For further information on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee please contact Mr. Dusan Zivkovic (e-mail dusan.zivkovic@unctad.org); or Mr. Jiaming Miao (e-mail miaoj@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3766). Additional information will also be available by *clicking here.*

List of participants

The meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee are open to all Member States and observers of the United Nations. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org) with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1285; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services *will be offered* as an additional service for the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The date of meeting and agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Ad Hoc Committee's PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, those accredited to the financing for development follow-up process and to UNCTAD, wishing to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee should register by *clicking here;* or contact Ms. Maria Ahmed (e-mail maria.ahmed@unctad.org) for any further information.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 271st meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 1 May 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5. Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Jessica M. Elbaz (email elbazj@un.org; Room S-3632)). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to

submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least *two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities
Briefings

The Chair of the Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee, His Excellency Jim McLay (New Zealand), and the Coordinator of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, Mr. Alexander Evans, will hold a briefing for interested Member States, Friday, 24 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 7. The briefing will provide an update on the work of the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team.

The Chair and the Monitoring Team look forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

The Ombudsperson to the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will present an open briefing for all Member States on Friday, 24 April 2015, at 10:30, in Conference Room 7. The Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office, now approaching five years of operation, the status of the cases, current key issues and the future of the mandate pursuant to Security Council resolution 2161 (2014). The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution of the operational activities segment (E/2015/L.3) convened by the Vice-President of the Council (Colombia) and facilitated by Ms. Marcela Ordoñez (Colombia) will be held on Monday, 27 April 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12; and on Tuesday, 28 April 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Civil society hearing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a civil society hearing with the representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system on Tuesday, 28 April 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3, as part of the ongoing dialogue held pursuant to Council resolution 2014/14.

The hearing will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Colombia). Further details on the programme are available by *clicking here*. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited.

Committee for Programme and Coordination

Fifty-fifth session

Organizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-fifth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room 5, for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2015/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2015/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2015/L.2).

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Please note that only scanned copies of the note verbale will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Eleventh session

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its eleventh session from Monday, 4, to Friday, 15 May 2015, at Headquarters. The session will open on Monday, 4 May 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2015/1.

High-level segment and list of speakers

The session will include a high-level segment, which will be held on Wednesday, 13, and Thursday, 14 May 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00. A list of speakers for the segment will be established for statements by Ministers and Heads of Delegations. Delegations are requested to inscribe, *as soon as possible*, the names of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations who wish to make a statement during the high-level segment, by sending an e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum, Mr. Moncef Khane (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to unff@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). The time limits for statements during the segment are *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States and *five minutes* for individual Member States.

As part of the high-level segment, there will be two consecutive round tables on Thursday, 14 May 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, on the following topics:

Round table 1: Integration of forests in the post-2015 development agenda; and

Round table 2: Renewed commitments to the implementation of the international arrangements on forests beyond 2015.

The round tables will be interactive in nature and as such, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. The time limit for interventions is *three minutes*.

List of participants

Delegations are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by e-mail or fax to the secretariat of the Forum (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), *as soon as possible,* for inclusion in the list of participants.

For documentation and further information on the eleventh session of the Forum, including the list of side events, please visit the Forum website by *clicking here.*

Forthcoming conferences at Headquarters

Third Conference of States Parties and Signatories to Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia

The Third Conference of States Parties and Signatories to Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia will be held on Friday, 24 April 2015, at *10:00* and 15:00; in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The list of speakers *is open*. Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lucia Andaya (e-mail andaya@un.org, Room S-3149; fax 1 (*917*) 367-1760)).

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate *is open.* States parties wishing to add the names of their representatives to the list of speakers before the beginning of the meeting are invited to fax their request to Mr. Hong Tan at 1 (917) 367-1767 (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062).

PaperSmart arrangements

The Conference will be supported by the PaperSmart system. The official documentation of the Conference will be available electronically either via the PaperSmart Portal (e-mail papersmart3@un.org); or via the ODA related webpage (*click here*).

Delegations are requested to send electronic copies of their statements to papersmart3@un.org, at least *two hours* prior to their speaking slot.

The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart Portal upon delivery by the speaker. The secretariat requests delegations to provide only 25 hard copies of official statements for the technical services.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically. QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Further information for participants, including accreditation and registration procedures, list of participants, the submission of documentation, side events, exhibitions, etc., are contained in the Information Note NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1/Rev.1* which is also available on the website of the Review Conference (*click here*).

To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties

Eighth session

The eighth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place at Headquarters from Tuesday, 9, to Thursday, 11 June 2015. The provisional agenda is available as CRPD/CSP/2015/1.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 153 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 102 States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting

of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be sent to the secretariat (e-mail to zhangg@un.org, with copy to pewitt@un.org; Room S-2905).

Accessibility

States parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of the accessibility requirements of delegates are kindly requested to do so to facilitate their participation in the Conference.

For further information concerning the Conference of States Parties, kindly contact the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mails zhangg@un.org and enable@un.org; Room S-2905); or visit the United Nations Enable website (please *click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/69/L.50, entitled "Improving Nutrition" (under agenda item 25) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

Friday, 24 April 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 11.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Arab Group (Security Council experts)

Thursday, 23 April 2015, from 11:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room 5.

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 23 April 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Seminar on "Building Bridges for a Mine Free World - South-South Cooperation in Mine Action" (co-organized by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Thursday, 23 April 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kaori Ozawa, UNMAS (e-mail ozawa@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4798).]

Panel discussion on "Science, Technology and Innovation: Critical Means of Implementation for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" (with members of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Secretary General) (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Thursday, 23 April 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Persic, UNESCO (e-mail a.persic@unesco.org).]

Panel discussion on "Monitoring the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals, Targets and Indicators: The Role of Social Surveys" (co-organized by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Values Survey Association)

Monday, 27 April 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Kieran M. Lettrich, Office of the Permanent Observer for International IDEA (e-mail k.lettrich@idea.int; tel. 1 (212) 286-1084).]

Panel discussion on "Get up, stand up. For music" (on the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day 2015 (26 April)) (organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO))

Monday, 27 April 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucinda Longcroft, WIPO New York Office (e-mail lucinda.longcroft@wipo.int; tel. 1 (917) 244-1071; or 1 (212) 963-6813).]

Briefing on "The Demographic Dividend - Pathway to Transformative Economies" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Tuesday, 28 April 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ashby Anglin, UNFPA (e-mail anglin@unfpa.org); or Ms. Renata Cap (e-mail cap@unfpa.org).]

Briefing on "The Outcome of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction" (by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR))

Wednesday, 29 April 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ina Hidayat, UNISDR (e-mail hidayat@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9534).]

Panel discussion on "Human Rights of Indigenous Crimean Tatars" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Wednesday, 29 April 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleksiy Shapoval, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail shapovalalex85@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Eighteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2014/237 of 16 July 2014, the eighteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 4, to Friday, 8 May 2015, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2015/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Ms. Anne Miroux, Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics and Head of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development secretariat (e-mail anne.miroux@unctad.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-1167; fax 011-41-22-917-0052), and Ms. Dong Wu, Chief, Science and Technology Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Room E.7058, Geneva (e-mail dong.wu@unctd.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-4171; fax 011-41-22-917-0052).

In preparation for the session, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information by *clicking here.*

Inquiries on the eighteenth session of the Commission can also be directed to Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org).

Announcements

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Thursday, 30 April 2015,* so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventieth session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft Word format *is required.* Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 68/44, para. 2, entitled "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual use goods and technology", adopted on 5 December 2013 (Note verbale ODA/06-2015/NLDU dated 24 February 2015 refers);

Resolution 69/56, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/10-2015/D&D dated 25 February 2015 refers); and

Resolution 69/47, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/07-2015/CAC dated 18 February 2015 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line through www.un-arm.org/MilEx/ReportingOnline.aspx, by *Thursday, 30 April 2015,* the information relevant to Resolution 68/23, paras. 1 and 8, entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 5 December 2013 (Note verbale ODA/09-2015/OIMM dated 25 February 2015 refers).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States

parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn. Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; Room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 68/279, the General Assembly invited all Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-16 July 2015) and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. For additional information, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 21 April 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7430th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine and Zimbabwe, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Deputy Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The President invited His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations and His Excellency Fodé Seck, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to

participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by the Secretary-General, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon.

The Council heard a statement by the Deputy Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the President, His Excellency Nasser Judeh, speaking in his capacity as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Affairs of Jordan, and by the representatives of the United States, Malaysia, China, France, Lithuania, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Chad, Angola, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Chile, New Zealand, Spain and Nigeria.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia (speaking on behalf of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation), Brazil, the Syrian Arab Republic, Guatemala, the Islamic Republic of Iran (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), South Africa and Pakistan.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting (speaking on behalf of the European Union; The Candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Mexico and Cuba.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Fodé Seck.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Costa Rica, Namibia, Morocco, Bangladesh, Qatar, Turkey, Norway, and India.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Bahrain, Japan, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Zimbabwe, Maldives and Sri Lanka.

The representatives of Israel, Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran made further statements.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2015 substantive session

351st meeting

The Chair made a statement.

The Commission took note of the updated schedule of meetings, as contained in document A/CN.10/2015/CRP.1/Rev.2.

The Chair of Working Group II, Mr. Bouchaib Eloumni (Morocco), made a statement.

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement on behalf of the Chair of Working Group I.

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Special high-level meeting with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

[archived video]

27th meeting

Overall theme: "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda"

The President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria), opened the meeting.

The Chief of the World Economic Studies Division of the International Monetary Fund, Mr. Thomas Helbling, made a presentation on "World economic situation and prospects".

An interactive discussion ensued during which statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Guatemala, Croatia and Austria.

A question was raised by Mr. Daniel Enrique Kostzer, Alternate Executive Director (for Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay) of the World Bank.

The presenter responded to the comments made and the questions raised during the discussion.

Thematic debate on theme 4 "Follow-up and the way forward: enhancing the role of the Economic and Social Council"

The Council heard presentations by Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations and Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, and His Excellency Oh Joon, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations and Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland and Armenia.

A statement was made by Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Corporate Secretary and President's Special Envoy on Millennium Development Goals, the Post-2015 process, and financial development of the World Bank Group.

Statements were made by Ms. Beatriz de Guindos Talavera, Alternate Executive Director (for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Spain and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)) and Ms. Satu Leena Elina Santala, Executive Director (for Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden) of the World Bank.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following civil society organizations: Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia, A.C., Bread for the World and Christian Aid.

Conclusion of the special high-level meeting

The President of the Council (Austria) made a closing statement.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fourteenth session

[archived video]

3rd meeting

Special theme: "Youth, self-harm and suicide" [item 3 (c)]

Keynote statements

Keynote statements were made by Mr. E'sha Hoferer and Ms. Ida Ophaug, speaking on behalf of the Indigenous Youth Caucus.

Mr. Alvaro Pop and Ms. Dalee Sambo Dorough, members of the Permanent Forum, made statements.

General discussion

Ms. Maria Eugenia Choque, Mr. Joseph Mutangah, Ms. Valmaine Toki, Ms. Mariam Aboubakrine, Mr. Wilton Littlechild, Mr. Oliver Loode and Mr. Edward John, members of the Permanent Forum, made statements.

The Permanent Forum heard statements by the following Member States represented by observers: Guatemala, Denmark, Australia, the United States, Canada, New Zealand and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following indigenous organizations: Sami Parliament of Norway; Salamanca High School; Bello-Tonatierra and Comudidad Integradora del Saber Andino; Alianza de Mujeres Indígenas de Centro America y Mexico; Madre, Indigenous Environmental Network, CICA, CAOI, ECUANARI, Haudenosaunee Nation, Indigenous Information Network, Consejo Indio Exterior, Comisión Jurídica de los Pueblos, Mujeres Indígenas CIARENA, NAWE-Huaorani, Saramanta Warmikuna, Rosa Luxembourg Stiftung; Alepti Nahuas de la Montana de Guerreor, Movimiento Indígena Nacional de Mexico y el Consejo Internacional de Tratados Indios, Grupo Xinaxtlli, Mujeres Indígenas en Lucha; Fondo para el Desarollo de los Pueblos Indígenas de Americas Latina y el Caribe; Kapaeeng Foundation, Bangladesh Indigenous Women's Network, Jatiya Adivasi Parishad, Chitagong Hill Tracts Foundation, Inc., Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum; Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples, International Organization for Self-determination and Equality, and Winnemem Wintu Tribe; Indigenous Peoples Survival Foundation; Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, Inc.; and Consejo de la Nación Charrua.

4th meeting

Special theme: "Half-day discussion on the Pacific region" [item 4]

Panel discussion

Statements were made by the members of the panel: Ms. Valmaine Toki, member of the Permanent Forum; His Excellency Odo Tevi, Permanent Representative of Vanuatu; Ms. Hai-Yuean Tualima, Indigenous Fellow of the World Intellectual Property Organization; and Ms. Avia Koisen, on behalf of Pacific Caucus.

General discussion

A statement was made by Ms. Joan Carling, member of the Permanent Forum.

The Permanent Forum heard statements by the following Member States represented by observers: New Zealand and Fiji.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following indigenous organizations: Youth Caucus; Women's Caucus; National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Global Indigenous Women's Caucus; International Indigenous Women's Forum; West Papua Interest Association; Maori Women's Welfare League; Pacific Disability Forum (also on behalf of Project Access Capacity Building Program, International Indian Treaty Council, Tribal Link, United Confederation of Taino People, Caribbean Amerindian Development Organization, Akali Tange Association Papua New Guinea, Saniri Alifaru, Bangladesh Indigenous Women's Network, Dewan Adat Papua, Tamu Bauddha Sewa Samiti Nepal, and the Movement for the Survival of the Organi People); Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice, Guam; International Indian Treaty Council; Indigenous World Association and Na Koa Ikaika ka Lahui; Te Runanga o Te Rarawa, Kaoni Foundation, Kamakakauokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Na Koa Ikaika KaLaHui Hawaii; Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland, Inc.; Akaki Tange Association Papua New Guinea; Fiji Indigenous Peoples Foundation; Kobe Oser; and National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Special theme: "Outcome of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples" [item 3 (a)]

General discussion

The Permanent Forum heard a statement by the following Member State represented by observer: Brazil.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Thursday, 16 April 2015

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

5th meeting

Progress to date in the implementation of the outcomes of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the New Urban Agenda [item 6]

The Committee concluded its general exchange of views.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Morocco and Algeria; His Excellency Ján Ilavský, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of Slovakia, the representative of Senegal; His Excellency Mii Lantey Vander Puye, Deputy Minister for Local Government and Rural Development of Ghana, His Excellency Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government of Malaysia, and His Excellency Thomas Silberhorn, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations University, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations: the Colegio Nacional de Jurisprudencia Urbanística; the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing; Shack Dwellers International; Réseau d'Échanges Stratégiques pour une Afrique Urbaine Durable; the New School for Public Engagement; Cities Alliance; and the University of Pennsylvania.

6th meeting

The Co-Chair of the Committee, Ms. Maryse Gautier (France), made a statement informing the Committee that due to the lateness of the hour, the meeting would be conducted in English only.

The Committee decided to proceed accordingly.

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work [item 3]

Mr. Franz Marré (Germany) presented a report on behalf of the Chair of the Working Group on operational and administrative matters, Ms. Tania Roediger-Vorwerk, on the outcome of its discussions under agenda items 4, 5 (a), 5 (b) and 7.

The Committee took note of the report of the Working Group as presented.

Preparations for the Conference [item 4]

The Committee adopted the draft decision recommended by the Working Group on the dates and venue of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and the dates of the Conference (A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.2*).

The representative of Bahrain made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Working Group on preparations for the Conference (A/CONF.226/PC.2/CRP.1).

The Committee also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Working Group on preparations for the Conference (A/CONF.226/PC.2/CRP.2).

Other matters [item 8]

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session [item 9]

The Rapporteur of the Committee, Mr. Mamadou Mbodj (Senegal) introduced the draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) on the work of its second session, as contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.3.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Secretary of the Preparatory Committee made a statement.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee adopted the draft report of the Preparatory Committee on the work of its second session (A/CONF.226/PC.2/L.3), and authorized the Rapporteur of the Committee to finalize the report in the light of the proceedings of the session.

Conclusion of the session [item 10]

Closing statements were made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and the Co-Chair of the Committee, Ms. Maryse Gautier (France).

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, the European Union and the United States.

Ms. Maryse Gautier (France), Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, declared closed the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Establishment of conditions of accession for Namibia: (21 April 2015)

Establishment of conditions of accession for Equatorial Guinea: (21 April 2015)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Kazakhstan (21 April 2015)

Arms Trade Treaty. New York, 2 April 2013

Ratification: Liberia (21 April 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Niger

His Excellency Boubacar Boureima

Asia-Pacific States:
Turkmenistan
Her Excellency Aksoltan Ataeva

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
His Excellency Vlad Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Mexico
His Excellency Jorge Montaño

Western European and other States:
Canada
His Excellency Guillermo Rishchynski

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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